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LOK SABHA**

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POULTRY INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of average cost of production of various poultry products in the country in comparison with the average corresponding imports prices;
- (b) the countries which offer stiff competition to Indian poultry products;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra/Andhra Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh or the Poultry Industry has made any suggestions to protect the interests of the Indian Poultry Industry in the context of lifting of quantitative restrictions and free market access to foreign companies under WTO regime;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): The average cost of production in India for most of the poultry products is comparable to the average corresponding import prices.
- (b): Mainly the USA and the European Union countries.
- (c)to (e): Yes, Sir. The suggestions to protect the interest of Indian Poultry Industry were mostly oriented towards increasing the import duty.

To protect the interest of the Indian Poultry Industry the import duty was enhanced from 35% to 100% for poultry cuts and some other poultry products. The import of livestock products including poultry meat has also been brought under the purview of sanitary import permit.